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SUBJECT: THREAT TO OBSERVATION POST HIN IN SOUTH LEBANON

1. UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL URQUHART CALLED AMB. LEONARD TO RELAY REPORT ON THREAT AT OP HIN FROM "LEBANESE FORCE IN SOUTH LEBANON" IF ILMAC MEETING TAKES PLACE. ACCORDING TO MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM UNTSO HEADQUARTERS, FOUR AMRED MEN FORCED THEIR WAY INTO OP HIN LAST NIGHT AND COMMANDED THE UN MILITARY OBSERVERS TO PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE: "WE THE LEBANESE FORCE IN SOUTH LEBANON DO NOT APPROVE THE MEETING WHICH IS BEING HELD BETWEEN ISRAEL AND LEBANON ARMY OFFICIALS IN NAQOURA. IF THIS MEETING TAKES PLACE WE WILL DESTROY ALL VILLAGES FROM OP HIN TO NAQOURA AND KILL ALL MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN." HEADQUARTERS UNTSO INFORMED LEBANESE AUTHORITIES AND IDF.

2. URQUHART SAID HE WAS VERY DISTURBED OVER THIS DEVELOPMENT, NOT THE LEAST SO SINCE HE HAD JUST
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LEARNED THAT THE JERUSALEM POST HAS REPORTED IN AN ACCURATELY DETAILED STORY THE ILMAC MEETINGS AND SOUTH LEBANON SITUATION. URQUHART IS ATTEMPTING TO MEET WITH ISRAELI PERM REP HERZOG TO POINT OUT IMPORTANCE OF RESTRAINT BEING URGED ON ALL FACTIONS INVOLVED IN SOUTH LEBANON, INCLUDING ISRAEL'S RESPONSIBILITY WITH THE CHRISTIAN ELEMENTS THERE.

HE ADDED THAT THE SITUATION IS COMPLICATED ENOUGH
WITHOUT THE LIVES BEING THREATENED OF THE POPULATION
OF VARIOUS VILLAGES, AS WELL AS THOSE OF UNMO'S
URQUHART WONDERED WHETHER THE US WOULD ALSO WANT TO
REGISTER ITS CONCERN WITH GOI AUTHORITIES.

3. LEONARD REPLIED THAT HE WOULD BE SEEING
AMB. HERZOG LATER IN THE MORNING AND WOULD RAISE
MATTER THEN FROM VIEWPOINT OF ISRAEL URGING
RESTRAINT AS APPROPRIATE ON CHRISTIAN FORCES. LEONARD
ADDED THAT HE WOULD SUGGEST TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT IT
MIGHT WISH TO MAKE SIMILAR APPROACH TO AMB. DINITZ.

4. SUBSEQUENT TO ABOVE, LEONARD MET WITH HERZOG. HERZOG
SEEMED GENUINELY UPSET AT LEARNING OF THIS DEVELOPMENT AND
SAID SPEAKING PERSONALLY HE WOULD INDEED FAVOR THE U.S.
MAKING AN APPROACH TO ISRAELI AUTHORITIES. (PLEASE PROTECT
HERZOG ON THIS COMMENT).
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